

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 stand rejected. Claims 6 and 13-21 stand objected to because of informalities. Claim 6 and 13-21 have been amended.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,814. The rejection is a provisional obviousness type double patenting rejection. A timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed herewith to overcome this rejection.

“With respect to independent claims 11 and 12 the limitation that the transponder is “separated from the printer at least in part by an end cap” is not patentably distinct from the limitation that the transponder is “covered by an end cap” as recited in patented claims 16-18. The limitation “covered by an end cap” would encompass separating the transponder from the printer insofar as a physical element is placed between the transponder and the printer.

It is noted that applicant’s remarks do not address these new limitations in claims 11 and 12. Applicant should specifically address support for these new limitations and how they distinguish the claims from the prior art.”

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks hereinbelow.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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